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Remarks

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The instant Office Action dated June 27, 2007, indicated an objection to the abstract, objections to the specification and listed the following rejections: claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(2); claims 1-4 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Stratakis *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,271,651); and claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Stratakis in view of Moore *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,889,392)

Regarding the objection to the abstract, Applicant has provided an amended abstract as indicated on page 2 of this paper. Thus, Applicant requests that the objection to the abstract be removed.

Regarding the objections to the specification based upon various informalities, Applicant has amended the specification to address each of the objections as indicated on page 3 of this paper. Therefore, Applicant requests that the objections to the specification be removed.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 112(2) rejection of claim 1 because claim 1 does particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that it would be clear to one of skill in the art that the power converter is characterized by an additional current path, as is consistent with the Examiner's interpretation of the claim 1. However, the Section 112(2) of claim 1 is moot in view of the phrase "characterized by" no longer being present in claim 1. Thus, Applicant requests that the Section 112(2) rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1-4 and 7-10 cannot stand because the cited portions of the Stratakis reference do not correspond to claim limitations directed to an inductor providing energy from the power supply to a parallel arrangement of the output capacitor and the additional current path. The cited portions of Stratakis teach that shorting switch 132 is arranged in parallel with inductor 120 and in series with capacitor 122. *See, e.g.*, Figure 1. Thus, the additional current path taught by the Stratakis reference is not in parallel with the output capacitor as in the

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claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1-4 and 7-10 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 5-6 cannot stand because the cited portions of the Stratakos reference do not correspond to the limitations of claim 1 as discussed above. In at least this regard, the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 5-6 is improper because these claims depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 5-6 be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063 (or the undersigned).

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